

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0345) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

When will the new centre at Northam be brought on line? How much extra capacity will that give the department?

Answer:

Construction practical completion of the Yongah Hill IDC facility will occur in the next month or two.

After reaching construction practical completion, the facility will require fit out with furniture, fixtures and equipment before clients can be transferred into the facility. Scheduling for this is currently being finalised.

The centre is designed to accommodate 600 clients.